Quick Tips for

REDUCING FINGERPRINT REJECTS

Clean Scanning Surface Between Each Use

Print Each Finger in the Correct Block, Without Overlap

Hydrate and Milk Fingers for Higher Quality Images

Roll Each Finger Nail-to-Nail

Use Notations and Stamps When Appropriate

Check for Duplication and Order Before Submitting

Notations and Stamps

Notes electronically placed on the fingerprints to denote image anomalies:

Amputation (XX)
First joint is physically not present.

Unable To Print (UP)
Fingers are bandaged, crippled, deformed, etc.

Scar Stamp (SR)
Scarring so severe the pattern type is unknown.

Additional fingerprinting resources available at https://fbibiospecs.fbi.gov

Contact the Biometric Services Section Customer Service Group
304-625-5990 ● identity@fbi.gov

MOST COMMON REJECT REASONS

1. Low Quality Images

2. Duplicated Finger Images

3. Smudges/Shadowing Around Fingerprint Images

4. Multiple Images Per Block

5. Same Hand Printed Twice

6. Fingers Missing from Plains Without Notation

7. Fingers Printed in Incorrect Boxes

8. Fingers Missing from Rolled and Plains Without Notation